

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 are pending in the present application. By this Amendment, Claims 1, 5 and 6 are amended, thereby leaving Claims 2-4 in their originally-filed condition.

Claims 1-6 stand objected to because of a few formalities, but would be allowable if amended to correct the informalities. Applicant appreciates the indication of allowable subject matter.

In section 1, paragraph 3, of the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that there seems to be a difference between the limitations of Claim 1 and Claim 5 with respect to the specification on page 4, lines 4-6. More particularly, the Examiner indicates that Claim 1 and Claim 5 do not show "for copying the data packets received in the past" as stated in the specification on page 4, lines 4-6.

Applicant wishes to remedy any confusion that the Examiner may have with respect to the above matter by presenting the following discussion. Applicant respectfully points out that Claim 1 and Claim 5 do not have to include the exact language of the paragraph including the text on page 4, lines 4-6. The language of Claim 1 and Claim 5 can be different from the language of the specification as long as the language of Claim 1 and Claim 5 is supported by the specification, which is the case for the language in question. More particularly, amended Claim 1 and Claim 5 include the language "for copying the received data packets", which is another way of saying "for copying the data packets received in the past" (the language recited in the specification on page 4, lines 4-6). "Received" is the past tense for "receive" and inherently suggests that the receiving action occurred in the past. Therefore, the "data packets received in the past" could be represented by the term "received data packets" as is the case in Claim 1 and Claim 5.

Applicant has considered the remaining objections raised by the Examiner and has amended the claims and the specification to address these objections. Accordingly, Claims 1-6 are allowable.

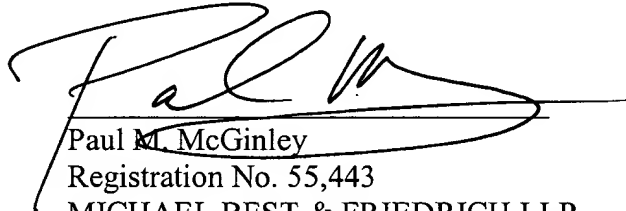
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In view of the foregoing, entry of the present Amendment and allowance of Claims 1-6 is respectfully requested.

The undersigned is available for telephone consultation during normal business hours.

Respectfully submitted,

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